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TO: PATRICK OGAWA  
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: RUBEN BAEZA, JR. *RB*  
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RE: **Leo Montesinos, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 527381**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of November 17, 2015.

RB

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Leo Montesinos, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 527381 in the amount of \$350,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Leo Montesinos, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC527381
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	November 8, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriffs Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 350,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Del D. Hovden of Tredway Lumsdaine & Doyle, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle accident that occurred on March 2, 2013, at the intersection of Gage Avenue and Eastern Avenue in the City of Bell Gardens when a vehicle driven by a Sheriff's Deputy collided with a vehicle driven by Leo Montesinos and in which his wife Rosa Montesinos was seated in the front passenger seat. Mr. and Mrs. Montesinos each claim injuries as a result of the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 63,445
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 33,270